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SUBJECT: ARGENTINA SUPPORTS U.S. BID FOR EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION OF WOMEN (CIM)

REF: A. SECSTATE 112981

[1](#)B. GOMEZ-PAZ 10/24-27/08 E-MAILS

[1](#)1. (U) Poloff raised Ref A points with Counselor Fabiana Laguzzo, Director of Women's Issues at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on October 27. Laguzzo indicated that she did not foresee any difficulties in supporting the U.S. bid for the Executive Committee of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM), especially given that the positions appear to be uncontested. (She noted that there appeared to be only five countries seeking five seats on the committee.)

[1](#)2. (U) Laguzzo asked for the U.S. position on two of the three projects the CIM is currently considering: 1) women and migration and 2) women and climactic change. The third project on women, HIV, and violence is an area that CIM has traditionally worked on and presented no problems for the GOA, she said. She indicated that she forwarded the first two projects to the MFA's technical experts for an opinion on whether or not to support them. Poloff, drawing from ref B, informed Laguzzo that the United States has no major problems with the language of any of the three resolutions. However, the United States has raised in the CIM Working Group that there are possible budgetary implications to the various proposals which may be difficult to fulfill at a time when the OAS budget is being reduced. Laguzzo agreed, adding that while Argentina supports the topics in principle, the projects seem "ambitious" in scope.

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